GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:152
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2015
Allocation of Development Fund
Mohan Shri P. C.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various zones in the Railways along with revenue earned by each zone during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any policy or guidelines for allocation of development fund to Railway Zones on the basis of their performance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to the South Western Railway during the above period; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of zones and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 152 BY SHRI P. C. MOHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2015 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT FUND

(a): There are 17 zones in Railways. The revenue earned by each zone during the last three years and the current year zone-wise is appended.

(b): Railway Development Fund is meant for expenditure on projects related to passenger amenities, safety, labour welfare works and remunerative projects for improvement of operational efficiency, and allotment of funds is made on the basis of the requirements and availability of funds. Further, zone-wise allotment of funds for general development, expansion, modernization and replacement depends on works in progress and also the new works taken up by the zonal railways based on the overall freight and passenger traffic handled by that Zonal Railway and on the availability of resources.

(c): South Western Railway has been allocated Fund to the tune of `2474 crores in the year 2012-13, `2713 crores in 2013-14, `3339 crores in 2014-15 and `4781 crores in the year 2015-16.

(d): A committee of senior officers from Railways has been constituted to examine the feasibility of setting up a new Railway Zone in the State of Andhra Pradesh in terms of item no. 8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act 2014.
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